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HONGKONG, MARCH 25TH 1909.

WHEN it came under our notice a week or two ago that the Chinese newspapers of Canton were working up a sensation over the presence of a few Japanese on Pratas Island leading to the assertion that this forbidding bit of territory had been "seized by Japan" it recalled to mind a similarly absurd story which appeared in one of the Manila papers about twelve months ago wherein it was set forth with considerable wealth of detail that the British had seized Pedro Blanco, lying between Hongkong and Amoy, and intended to convert the place into a naval base. Those who know Pedro Blanco to be what it is—a rock with a whitish summit, rising sheer out of the water with scarcely foothold for man or beast—were able to enjoy the joke. Those who had never before heard of Pedro Blanco possibly imagined it to be some forsaken island with perhaps a useful harbour which the aggressive British meant to embrace in some extended scheme of naval fortifications with a view to more effectively dominating the ocean highway from the North to the Colony of Hongkong. It was a hoax, a palpable hoax, and being recognised as such by the Chinese newspaper editors, there was no outcry in the vernacular press against British aggression; nor did the report acquire the dignity of becoming the subject of diplomatic communications. The report of the alleged seizure of Pratas Island has a little better foundation than the other story possessed, but it has received an amount

of attention out of all proportion to its importance. Pratas Island is situated between Hongkong and Manila, and is usually well in view of the steamers running between the two ports. It is about a mile and a half long and half a mile wide. It is composed of sand, and a description of the island says that not a particle of mould or earthy matter could be found on it. Its shape is that of a horse-shoe, enclosing a shallow inlet or lagoon, which runs into its western side for about half a mile, affording shelter to the Chinese fishermen who have been accustomed to proceed there to fish early in the year. It is not an attractive island on which to found a Colony, for it is waterless and inhospitable to the utmost degree, and nobody would be inclined to remain there a day longer than the business speculation which brought him demanded. What has attracted Japanese to the islands are the phosphates obtainable there. "Gannets" we read, "are numerous, and may be knocked down with a stick." Consequently it is a place where phosphates may be presumed to exist in considerable quantities, and it is no secret that Japanese have been coming to the Pratas Island for several years to ship phosphate to Japan where there appears to be a market for it. According to Chinese reports, the Japanese have made upwards of a million yen out of the business, but this statement should be taken *cum grano salis*. The story that there are over thirty Japanese and forty Formosans permanently living on the island is also one not to be credited. It is probable that the Chinese fishermen who returned to Canton with the story of the annexation of the island by the Japanese encountered there one of these peripatetic expeditions from Formosa or Japan. The Viceroy sent a deputy down in a warship to investigate. This is probably the first time that China has taken any official interest in the place. It has always been regarded as "no man's land," and about the year 1860, owing to the frequency of British ships being wrecked on the Pratas Shoals, the British Government was asked to erect a lighthouse there, but the Board of Trade declined to move in the matter. Pratas Island does not appear to have been recognised then as territory over which the Chinese Government exercised sovereignty, and the Japanese official communiqué we published yesterday shows that Japan has no present knowledge that it belongs to China; nor does the Japanese Government regard it as belonging to the Japanese Empire merely because a few enterprising Japanese traders have gone there in the belief that no Power exercised sovereignty there. It is not a prize to be coveted by any Power, and if China is able to establish her claim to the island, the Japanese Government says it is quite prepared to recognise the sovereignty of China over it. But the Japanese Minister in Peking should have little understanding with regard to Naval programmes, no proposal had been made of a nature which could form the basis of official negotiation. Friendly Governments, the Minister added, customarily avoid presenting formal proposals of which the reception is doubtful. Germany's naval law had been framed exclusively with a view to her own need of protection and threatened no nation.

A number of deportees arrived here on Tuesday and Wednesday from Singapore, nine coming the first day and eighteen the second. They will be passed on from here to their native places. It is remarkable that most of the men who come from Singapore have their bodies covered with morphine injection marks.

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## TELEGRAMS.

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## VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN JAPAN.

TOKYO, March 24th.

The inhabitants of Nagano prefecture are terrified by the eruption of the volcano Yakegatake, the country being covered with ashes several inches deep for many miles around.

[REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."] —

## Mr. ROOSEVELT EMBARKS FOR AFRICA.

LONDON, March 23rd.

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt embarked at New York to-day en route for Africa.

Immense cheering crowds had assembled with Bands to bid the ex-President "Farewell."

## RUSSIA'S FAR EASTERN PORTS.

## FOREIGN STEAMERS NOT TO ENGAGE IN COASTAL TRADE.

LONDON, March 23rd.

A conference held at the Ministry of Commerce, St. Petersburg, decided in-favour of the abolition of the coastal steamer traffic in the Far East under foreign flags from October 14th next, the Governor-General of the Amur being empowered to allow single trips in exceptional circumstances up to October 14th, 1913.

## GERMANY AND BRITAIN'S NAVAL POLICY.

LONDON, March 23rd.

Herr von Schön, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, speaking in the Reichstag, explained that, although the representative of Great Britain in the Japanese Government says it is quite prepared to recognise the sovereignty of China over it. But the Japanese Minister in Peking should have little understanding with regard to Naval programmes, concerned whatever interests they may have peacefully acquired there in the bona-fide belief that this neglected island belonged to no Power.

Another case of plague from Kowloon City was notified yesterday.

A Chinese, evidently with an ear for music, stole a dulcimer which he envied from a friend. He was arrested and brought before Mr. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday and sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

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party, frostbitten, reached latitude 88 degrees 23 min. on the 26th of December where there is a plateau ten thousand feet high.

Lieutenant Shackleton believes the Pole is situated on this plateau.

The reputed Polar calm is non-existent.

No scurvy was suffered by the members of the expedition throughout the voyage, but there was some dysentery, the effect of eating horse-flesh.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.

March 24th, 1909.

SIR, Yesterday a gathering of young folks belonging to the Ministering Children's League was assembled in the garden attached to the Bishop of Hongkong's residence. This Society has been for some time established in this island, and at Kowloon, introduced by Mrs. May, the popular and energetic wife of the Colonial Secretary. So actively was the work of the League carried on in this locality that I understand that last year no less than £100 was realized, and divided amongst various charities.

It may be of some interest to your readers to know that this world-wide League started, now many years since, in Lord Meath's, and my house in London; its object being to train young people in unselfish ways and especially to teach them how to be of service to those who suffer. Each branch, as it starts, is invited to take up some definite charitable work, and, though the Society was by no means established just for the purpose of inaugurating charitable institutions, yet no less than 20 buildings devoted to religious and benevolent work are scattered far and wide about the globe.

England can boast of eight of these, Australasia claims five, while in the United States, Egypt, Russia and elsewhere "ministering" bands have been actively at work to brighten the lot of the poor, the sick, and the suffering. The League is now being introduced into Japan—where it has found warm supporters.

Last year, at a time when I was very unwell in Germany, and unable to attend to the work of the League, I received from two high dignitaries of the Church in Australia, assurance of the good and lasting work done by the League in the Colonies.

The Ministering Children's League is an denominational; it exists only to do good and to teach the young that happiness lies, not in the direction of self-gratification, but in self-sacrificing devotion to lofty aims, serving God by serving fellow-man.

The Central Office of the Society which has found favour not only in British dominions but in a rapidly increasing number of foreign lands, is at 83 Lancaster Gate, London—the house where it was originally founded—and I have the privilege of being its Central Hon. Secretary. Mrs. May, will, I am sure, kindly give any local information which may be required respecting this Association. I remain Sir, Yours faithfully,

M. T. MEATH.

Government House, Hongkong.

## THE LAND OF PERPETUAL LIFE AND BEAUTY.

Java is yearly attracting an increasing number of tourists, and those who have spent a holiday among the beauty spots of the island have come away with the most agreeable impressions: something has been done to advertise the island in recent years by the publication of illustrated guide books. One has recently been published by the Raymond and Whitecomb Tourist Company of the United States. The little brochure has been written by Captain A. Akin-Higgins, who is connected with the firm, and is at the present time in Canton with a party of American tourists with whom he has been travelling since October 1st. "Java: the Land of Perpetual Beauty" is the title it bears, and we have seen no handy guide of Java of greater use to the tourist. Besides a brief and interesting description of the many beauty spots of the island, interspersed with a number of attractive photographic views, the brochure contains useful hints to travellers concerning the Dutch Archipelago, Bangkok, Johore and the Islands of Penang and Singapore.

SUCCESSFUL ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

## NO POLAR CALM, BUT A HIGH PLATEAU.

LONDON, March 24th.

Lieutenant Shackleton's Antarctic Expedition, which left New Zealand in January, 1908, has returned all well.

Lieutenant Shackleton cables to the "Daily Mail" that he turned back on January 9th (?) when in latitude 88 degrees 23 minutes and longitude 162° East, eleven miles distant from the Pole. He fixed the magnetic pole in latitude 72 degrees 75 min. and longitude 154° East.

The British flag was hoisted at both points.

LATER.

In the "Daily Mail" Lieutenant Shackleton describes the narrow escapes and the great hardships experienced by the party in the last three degrees of latitude.

They were on reduced rations—twenty ounces daily—and had to fight against blizzards travelling seventy miles an hour, in drifting snow and 72 degrees of frost. The

## THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.

## THE ENTERTAINMENTS AT HAPPY VALLEY.

## THE TIFFIN.

There was no end of sport and pleasure at Happy Valley yesterday in connection with the welcome to the American Squadron. The first item on the programme of the local Entertainment Committee for the day was tiffin; after which followed a well-arranged programme of sport. The rejoicings of the hour were not only shared by British and Americans, for French and Portuguese sailors in port were also invited to the celebrations.

Arrangements were in the hands of a capable and energetic Entertainment Committee, of which Mr. T. F. Hough was the hon. secretary, and they certainly carried out their task remarkably well. They had arranged to provide tiffin for 1,060 sailors and soldiers of different nationalities, who were conveyed to the Happy Valley, free of cost, by the Electric Tramway Co. The men invited were 650 American sailors; 150 British bluejackets; 200 soldiers of the garrison; 20 French sailors and 40 Portuguese sailors.

The basement of the Jockey Club stand, the weighing-in room, and the basement of the members' stand were utilized for the tiffin. There was no rush or confusion in the seating of the guests or the serving of the tiffin. All was done with the precision of a regiment on parade. The Buffs Band, who provided music during the afternoon, were in readiness before the tiffin hour. A minute before the time arranged for the meal they struck up "The Roast Beef of Old England." This was followed by a March, and the guests marched to the different tables and took their seats. Stragglers there were, who were delayed by duty or otherwise, but Mr. T. F. Hough was waiting to see that they were not left to the romantics. With cheery words and an engaging smile he found seats for them, and had "boy" at their elbows to attend their wants. Other members of the committee were also assiduous in their attention to the guests, and none went hungry. In short, better arrangements for a large spread were never made in Hongkong, and all retired from the banqueting hall with an air of satisfaction.

There was a short spell before the Sports programme was proceeded with, and in this interval the American stars appeared to find great amusement in engaging in a tug-of-war with a number of Chinese coolies. Some ten sailors would make fast to one end of the rope and beckon the Chinese to take the other. The coolies needed little persuasion, and many as could be accommodated would take charge of the other end. Then the pull would begin. It was not the coolies' aim, however, to pull the Americans over the line. Their enjoyment was when the visitors got "down to it" to let go the rope and see them measure their length on the ground. An onlooker said something about the American-Chinese Alliance while this sport was proceeding, but the Chinese will have to be more considerate with Uncle Sam than they were yesterday before such a thing can come to pass.

## THE SPORTS.

Following tiffin came the sports, which produced some very good events, most exciting of all being the tug-of-war competition. The American sailors are long and strong pullers, but they must have been considerably perplexed as to the man from whom they were to take instructions, there being so many telling each team to "heave" and "dig their heels into the ground." Much amusement was afforded by the Obstacle, Three-legged and Ricasa races while the sprinter had many opportunities of showing his quality. Needless to say, Corporal Andrews of the Buffs was to the fore, winning most of the events he entered with comparative ease. The various events resulted as follows:

100 Yards Race. Post Entries.

Andrews, Buffs ... 1

Miller, R.G.A. ... 2

Crump, R.G.A. ... 3

Owing to the numerous entries this event was run off in three heats, the final seeing six starters. It resulted in an easy win for Andrews who could have given the rest of the runners a start of at least three yards. The race between Miller and Crump for second place was good one, the former just managing to pass the line first. Time 11-1/5 secs.

Long Jump Running—1. Dray, 18ft 5; 2. Conard, 18ft 32; 3. Freeman, 16ft 8.

High Jump—1. Gunner Thomas, R.G.A. 4ft 11 1/2; 2. Private Saster, Buffs, and Drummer Smith equal 4ft 10.

## HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The following has been forwarded to us for publication.

## CONTINUOUS CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE TO CHINESE SEAMEN.

The following reply to Government was sent—  
Chamber of Commerce,  
18th March, 1909.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that my Committee have now considered your letter of 30th January, 1909, (No. 483, 19/9) regarding the granting of continuous Certificates of Discharge to Chinese Seamen.

A similar system has been in force for some years with regard to British Seamen and my Committee understand that while the benefits conferred by this innovation are doubtful, it gives rise to considerable trouble to employers and has not resulted in the good anticipated when the scheme was inaugurated.

As applied to Chinese, the similarity of name so often found, and the difficulty of identification even when the Certificate bears a photograph, makes the scheme in the view of my Committee impracticable.

Another aspect of such a system on the China Coast would be a decided disadvantage to British Shipping in obtaining labour and my Committee are, therefore, unable to support the proposal put forward by the Harbour Master which, if adopted, would in their opinion increase the cost and difficulty in securing good seamen without conferring any benefit upon the ship owner in return.—I have, &c.

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G.,  
Colonial Secretary.

GUARANTINE STATION AT LAICHIKOK.  
The following reply was forwarded to Government—  
Chamber of Commerce,

16th March, 1909.

SIR,—I have now the honour to state in reply to your letter of 2nd February, 1909, on the subject of the Quarantine Station at Laichikok, that my Committee approve of the amended regulations under Section 23 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, (No. 10 of 1899).

I am to ask you to convey the thanks of this Chamber to His Excellency the Governor for his consideration of its views in the matter.—I have, &c.

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G.,  
Colonial Secretary.

THE PETITION FOR LIGHTS.  
The following letter was sent to the Government—  
Chamber of Commerce,

16th March, 1909.

SIR,—I beg to inform you that my Committee have had before them the copy of a widely signed petition of Masters of River and Coasting Vessels addressed to the Honourable Harbour Master to the effect that—

(1) A light be placed on the southern end of Kapsing Island to act as a leading light across the Harbour to Kapsing Moon Pass.

(2) and that a light be placed either on Tong Ku Island or Boulder Point to act as a leading light for turning into Brothers Channel and also for the West River Steamers passing between Tong Ku and Sau Chau.

My Committee consulted several of the principal shipping firms and from them learn that the lights petitioned for would be not only useful but are actually necessary for safe navigation.

In the opinion of this Chamber therefore, the light suggested in the first paragraph of the petition is one which is urgently required and should in their opinion receive the consideration of the Government; the erection of the latter light could be postponed temporarily if the condition of the Colony's finances render such a step desirable.

The Committee of the Chamber trust that this matter will receive the earnest consideration of His Excellency the Governor. I have &c.

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G.,  
Colonial Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE 26th SEPTEMBER, 1906.

The following reply was sent to the Government—  
Chamber of Commerce,

24th March, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to reply to your letter of the 26th February, 1909 (No. 3595/1907), forwarding a copy of a despatch addressed to the Government by the Secretary of State for the Colonies and enquiring whether this Chamber supports the adherence of the Colony to the International Convention of the 26th September, 1906.

My Committee do not consider that restrictive measures of this nature should apply to a Colony employing Asiatic labour. In their opinion the labour in this Colony is relatively better off than his European confrere and it will be time enough for the Colony to adopt protective measures when it can be shown that labour is unjustly treated by employers. The troubles facing a local employer are already great enough without unnecessarily adding thereto.

For these reasons my Committee regret that they cannot support the adherence of the Colony to the Convention.

I beg to return the Memorandum as requested—I have, &c.

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G.,  
Colonial Secretary.

LOCAL SPORT.  
FOOTBALL NOTES.

With the exception of the Soldiers' Shield Final there were no games of any importance last week. In the Football League the Y.M.C.A. obtained the expected win over the B.O.C. and the Naval Yard vanquished the Lusitano Club by 8-1. The league engagements are now nearly finished; the only games to be played are as follows:

Buffs to play R.E., Naval Yard and B.O.C.  
Y.M.C.A. to play R.A.M.C. and R.G.A.  
Naval Yard to play R.E., Buffs and R.G.A.  
R.E. to play Naval Yard, Buffs and B.O.C.  
Boys Own Club to play R.E. and Buffs.  
R.G.A. to play Y.M.C.A. and Naval Yard.  
R.A.C. to play Lusitano.  
Lusitano to play Y.M.C.A. and R.G.A.

The whole of the League teams will be engaged on Saturday as follows:

Causeway 3 p.m.—B.O.C. v. Buffs, Referee, Sapper Height.

Causeway 4.30 p.m.—Lusitano v. R.G.A., Referee, Sargeant Walsh.

Military ground 2.40 p.m.—Y.M.C.A. v. R.A.M.C., Referee, Gunner Marsh.

Naval ground 2.45 p.m.—Naval Yard v. R.E., Referee, Corp Edwards.

The following Saturday, April 3rd, we are to have a grand match between Civilians and Military for League funds. This meeting should produce a good game and given fine weather there will no doubt be a large attendance of patrons. The Civilian team will be strong of course. The combination of Buffs, R.E., R.G.A. and R.A.M.C. will result in a fine team.

The R.E. vanquished the King Alfred by 5-3 and took possession of the Soldiers' Shield. On form of late I quite expected the King Alfred to win this match, but the R.E. are well renowned for serving up surprises. The Buffs are certain winners of the Hongkong Daily Press Cup, so that the Navy and Army may take all the trophies this season, leaving the Civilians out in the cold.

No doubt the League will be a means of improving Civilian Football, as it will give plenty of practice. The Football Association has been formed and teams intending to affiliate should send their names into Mr. Alex. Storrie, the Secretary, care of Y.M.C.A., accompanied with the subscription of £5 for teams resident in Hongkong, 1st and 2nd Class Cruisers, and £2 for Naval teams rated below 2nd Class Cruisers. This subscription is for season 1908-09.

I hear the following have been selected for the Military team: Bassey (R.G.A.); Bartlett (Buffs) and Coxon (R.E.); Waters (R.A.); Walton (A.S.C.) and Dare (Buffs); Barker (Buffs) and Drew (Buffs); Watts (R.A.); Taylor and Brewster (Buffs). Reserves—Meaney (R.E.); Sgt. Kelly (Buffs); McCronay (R.E.); Pulter (Buffs).

## REFEREE.

## FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON DOCK V. N. K. CLUB.

It has long been matter for comment that Kowloon Dock did not form a football club with the good players it is able to muster. Though the club has not yet come into existence, the spirit is there, and the occasional games which have been played on the limited ground at Kowloon Dock resulted in a friendly match being arranged with the Hongkong Club at the Happy Valley. The teams met yesterday, and an interesting game resulted in a drawn goal each. The Kowloon players shone very well indeed. At times they showed a hesitation to attack, to follow up advantages, and had they adopted more hustling tactics they might have been able to claim a win. The goalkeeper, too, did not handle smartly enough, but they may pride themselves on having done so well in their first encounter, especially with a team of the standing of the Hongkong Club.

Play ruled fairly even throughout. The Club scored in the first half and the second moiety was well advanced before the Dock managed to equalise. This was the result of a drive by Brown being returned by Burst and the leather rebounding off a Club-player's hand into goal. Naturally this infused moros "go" into the Kowloon men who were unfortunate in not adding a second a few minutes later. Burst and kicking, and fisting very cleverly. Just on the call of time the Dock men sent in a shot which was apparently stopped by the goalkeeper just through the line, but the point was not noted.

The teams were: Kowloon—Wilkie; Ross and Stables; Wilson; Lapsley and Clements; Long and W. Brown; R. G. Brown; Puncheon and Grey. Club—Burst; Hamilton and Gregory; Morris; Barlow; and Bovington; Herfert and Aucott; May; Hunter and Goldenberg.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.N. Co.'s str. *Hupai* left Haiphong on the 20th instant, and is due here to-day.

The C.N. Co.'s str. *Taning* left Manila on the 23rd instant, and is due here to-day.

The C.N. Co.'s str. *Wuhu* left Weihaiwei on the 20th instant, and is due here to-day.

The C.N. Co.'s str. *Sungkang* left Cebu on the 23rd inst., and is due here on the 27th inst.

The C.N. Co.'s str. *Changsha* left Sydney on the 10th inst., and is due here on the 4th prox.

The French str. *Binhthien* left Haiphong on the 24th instant, and is due to arrive here on or about the 28th inst.

The H.-A. Linie str. *Belgravia* left Singapore on the 22nd instant p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 29th instant a.m.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Regent Luitpold*, which left here on Wednesday, the 24th ultimo at noon, arrived at Genoa on the 25th instant at 10 a.m.

The German str. *Borneo* left Sandakan on Monday, the 22nd instant p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 23rd instant a.m.

## COMPANY REPORT.

## THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LIMITED.

The report of this Company is as follows—Gentlemen.—The General Manager and Consulting Committee beg to present to the shareholders the sixth ordinary yearly report of the Company.

The accounts show a profit of ... \$104,605.09.

From this has to be deducted:—

Fees to consulting committee ... \$4,000.00

Bonus to European staff ... 2,850.00 6,850.00

To 1907 ... 3,000.00

Leaving available for appropriation ... \$ 97,845.09

The consulting committee recommend that a dividend of 10% on the subscribed capital be paid to shareholders ... \$ 55,200.00

Write off Hongkong saw-mills ... 10,000.00

Engineering works ... 5,000.00

Launches and lighters ... 5,000.00

Plant ... 2,500.00

Timber concessions ... 1,145.09

Kudat pier and house property ... 1,000.00

To carry to reserve ... 15,000.00

Provision for bonus to staff for 1908 ... 3,000.00

... 3,000.00

\$ 97,845.09

Consulting Committee.—Mr. A. G. Wood

retired on leaving the Colony and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar was invited to join the committee, his appointment requires confirmation. In accordance with the Articles of Association the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., retires, but offers himself for re-election.

Auditor.—The accounts under review have been audited by Mr. W. H. Petts who offers himself for re-election.

J. WHEELEY,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, March 15th, 1909.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1908.

## LIABILITIES.

Capital ... 50,000.00 shares

each \$12 ... 372,000.00

Less 14,000 shares unissued each \$12 ... 168,000.00

... 855,200.00

Sundry creditors ... 11,832.78

Reserve account ... 25,000.00

Balance of working account ... 104,695.09

... 869,527.87

## ASSETS.

Hongkong saw-mills—

Value as per last statement ... \$151,505.84

Less amount provided for depreciation ... 5,000.00

... \$146,505.84

Since added ... 5,924.10

... 152,429.94

Sandskan saw-mills—

Value as per last statement ... \$89,068.57

Since added ... 21,262.93

... 110,331.50

Steam launches and lighters—

Value as per last statement ... \$105,223.21

Less amount provided for depreciation ... 5,000.00

... \$100,223.21

Since added ... 20,601.59

... 120,824.80

Sandskan engine works and slipway—

Value as per last statement ... \$91,131.29

Less amount provided for depreciation ... 5,000.00

... 86,131.29

Plant—

Value as per last statement ... \$21,569.06

Less amount provided for depreciation ... 5,000.00

... \$16,569.06

Since added ... 1,292.13

... 17,862.19

Land and house property—

Value

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



## HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

**T**HIS MILITARY AUTHORITIES have given Notice that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from the West Defences TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 25th instant, in a Westerly direction up to ranges of 10,000 yards. Practice will commence at 9.30 A.M. **BASIL TAYLOR**, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c. Hongkong, 24th March, 1909. [516]

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**N**OTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office No. 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1908, and of declaring Dividends, &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 11th April to the 21st April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
**C. MONTAGUE EDE**,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 25th March, 1909. [517]

## THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LTD.

**E**XTRA Choice BACON and HAM. This is a Special Line and will be found of exceptional quality. Price—Cut or Uncut.—Only 60 Cents a lb. Hongkong, 25th March, 1909. [520]

## TO LET.

**S**HOP and DWELLING HOUSE, No. 78, Queen's Road, Central. Apply to—  
**S. J. DAVID & CO.**,  
Prince's Buildings, Hongkong, 25th March, 1909. [518]

## THEATRE ROYAL.

## CITY HALL.

## WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE FIGHT.

**TOMMY V. JACK BURNS** vs. **JACK JOHNSON**.

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 29TH, 30TH & 31ST.

## BOOKING AT

**S. MOUETTE & CO., LTD.**

Hongkong, 25th March, 1909. [519]

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

From CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"FOOKSAM," having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. the 26th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.**

General Managers.  
Hongkong, 24th March, 1909. [16]

## BANK LINE, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "KUMERIC," From TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in

## INTIMATIONS

## NOTICE

**M. R. HENRI AUGUSTE BAEBEY** will Sign my Firm per Procurator from This Date.

**A. R. MARTY**.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1909. [487]

## ENTERTAINMENT TO VISITING FLEETS.

**S**ERVICE MEN invited to Luncheon at HAPPY VALLEY, TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 25th March, will be CARRIED FREE on all Cars between Post Office and Causeway Bay.

In addition to the ORDINARY SERVICE SPECIAL CARS to the RACE COURSE will leave Post Office at 11.30 A.M. and every 5 minutes until 12.30 P.M.

Invitation cards must be shewn to the Conductor of the Car.

**J. GRAY SCOTT**,  
General Manager.

The Electric Traction Company of Hongkong Limited.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1909. [510]

## HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

**T**HE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held at TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 25th inst., at the Rooms of the JOCKEY CLUB, HONGKONG CLUB ANNEXE, at 5 P.M.

**C. G. MACKIE**,  
Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1909. [492]

## HONGKONG CLUB.

## NOTICE

**T**HE FIFTEENTH DRAWING of SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES of the HONGKONG CLUB (1896 issue—\$100 each) was held in the Hongkong Club House, on Friday, the 19th March, 1909, when the following Debentures were Drawn for Redemption:

33 558 763 1180 1492  
47 374 847 1210 1526  
50 398 858 1218 1540  
72 463 865 1220 1549  
102 465 1009 1225 1557  
112 573 1029 1243 1595  
162 588 1040 1261 1652  
167 594 1066 1280 1735  
181 664 1087 1291 1826  
182 685 1091 1291 1913  
246 706 1099 1357 1927  
254 721 1152 1346 1934  
311 726 1164 1366 1963

and will be Payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st March, 1909, in Exchange for Surrender of same.

By Order,

**JAMES CRAIK**,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1909. [493]

## THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

**T**HE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members will be held at the CITY HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st March, 1909, at 5.30 P.M.

Sir HENRY BERKELEY, K.C., Chairman of the Association, will preside.

**A. R. LOWE**,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1909. [511]

## IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE THOMAS BROCKETT, Foochow, China, Stockholder.

**N**OTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having Claims against the above Estate are required to send particulars of same to the undersigned before the 15th Day of MAY, 1909. And all persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

**W. S. JACKSON**,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1909. [514]

## NOTICE.

**W**E, the Undersigned, a well-established Firm trading in Human Hair, beg to inform the Public that we have now Opened an Office in Hongkong at 127, Des Voeux Road, (first floor). Hitherto our Business was carried on at Ka Ying Chow and Canton; but in the interest of our Patrons, and in order to make ourselves more widely known to prospective purchasers in this part of China, we have thought it advisable to open the above Office for the Transaction of our Hongkong Business. We also desire to make known that the Goods supplied by us are of the best quality procurable and are subjected to a special process of cleaning and drying known only to ourselves.

To prevent imitation and fraud we have adopted a special TRADE MARK an illustration of which appears beneath.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

**LUN CHEONG** & Co.

127, Des Voeux Rd.

(first floor),

Hongkong. [460]

## FOR SALE.

**A**T the PEAK, HOUSE in STEWART TERRACE, Furnished or Unfurnished. Apply—  
**H. E. POLLOCK**,  
18 Bank Building.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1909. [484]

## TO LET.

**O**FICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. Apply—  
**SECRETARY**,  
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. [102]

## TO LET.

**G**ODOWNS, Nos. 95, 96 and 97, PRATA EAST.

Apply—  
**CHATER & MODY**,  
Victoria Buildings.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [264]

## TO LET.

**N**o. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (Shop). Opposite the Post Office.

No. 14, WYNDHAM STREET (suitable for Office and Godown).

No. 24, D'AGUILAR STREET (suitable for Office and Godown).

All of which are at present occupied by Weismann Ltd. For Particulars, etc.

Apply to—  
**YEE SANG BAT & CO.**

34, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1909. [489]

## TO LET.

**A**HOUSE in MOUNTAIN VIEW for one

or two years.

## PUBLIC COMPANY

**G**REEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

**T**HE TWENTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Office of the General Manager, St. George's Building, Victoria, SATURDAY, the 3rd day of April, 1909, at 11.30 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1908, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 27th March, until SATURDAY, 3rd April, 1909, both days inclusive.

Apply to—  
**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.**,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1909. [512]

## THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.  
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PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$1,200,000

RESERVE FUND ..... \$1,525,000

RESCUE LIABILITIES OF PEOPLE-  
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On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months 2½ per cent. per annum.

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J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd February

## AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from MADAME MARTY, to Sell by Public Auction,

ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY,

the 29th and 30th March, 1909, commencing each day at 2.30 P.M., at No. 13, Peak-Road (Upper Albany).

## A RARE AND VALUABLE COLLECTION OF CHINA, BRONZES, JADE &amp; IVORIES.

COMPRISING—

1 RARE CELADON VASE WITH PEACH BLOOM AND BLUE DECORATIONS, FAMILLE ROSE AND FAMILLE VERT JARS AND VASES, 5-Coloured JARS, VASES AND PANELS, BLUE AND WHITE HAWTHORN JARS, GREEN AND BLACK HAWTHORN JAR, POWDER BLUE, VASE, APPLE GREEN VASES, CELADON BOWLS AND VASES, BLUE AND BROWN SOFT PASTE VASE AND CUPS, IMPERIAL YELLOW AND BLUE VASES, PEACH BLOOM JARS, SANG DE BEUF VASES, 2, 3 and 5-Coloured FIGURES, &c., &c.

FINELY CARVED RHINOCERO'S HORN CUPS AND ORNAMENTS, CARVED IVORY FIGURES, CRYSTAL VASES AND CUPS, VERY FINE QAOE VASE AND ORNAMENT, JADE CUPS, BOWLS, FIGURES, &c., &c., OLD PEKING CLOISONNE INCENSE BURNERS, VASES AND BOWLS, PEKING SILK EMBROIDERIES.

Fine Selection of OLD BRONZES, (some inlaid with Gold)

ALSO HANDSOMELY CARVED CANTON BLACKWOOD CABINETS, ARMCHAIRS, COUCH, JARDINIÈRE STANDS and 1 Large SCREEN INLAID WITH 5-Coloured PORCELAIN PANELS.

1 LIMOGES TEA SET.

On View or SATURDAY and SUNDAY, the 27th and 28th March.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
AUCTIONEER.

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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1909.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

PURE IRISH HOUSEHOLD LINENS, LACE CURTAINS, TOWELS, &c., &c., (due to arrive here per S.S. "TYEDS" on the 25th instant.)

MESSES. HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,

the 30th and 31st March, 1909, commencing each day at 2 P.M.,

## A FINE COLLECTION OF HIGH-CLASS IRISH GOODS.

COMPRISES—IRISH LINEN DOUBLE DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS with SERVIETTES to match, IRISH LINEN TRAY CLOTHS, TOILET SETS, SUPPER CLOTHS, Lady's and Gent's IRISH LINEN HEMSTITCHED and EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, FINE TURKISH TOWELS, ALL LINEN TOWELS, BATH TOWELS, BATH SHEETS, IRISH TEA AND GLASS CLOTHES, FINE (White and Cream) LACE CURTAINS, a fine assortment of UNDERSKIRTS and SKIRTS, WHITE SATIN QUILTS, Five o'clock TEA CLOTHS, IRISH HAND EMBROIDERED BEDSPREADS and TOP-SHEETS, SILK MOIRETTE UNDERSKIRTS, LONGCLOTH NIGHTDRESSES, NAINSOOK CAMISOLE, CHEMISES, ALL LINEN BED TICKS, PYJAMA SUITS, TEA COSY, CUSHION COVERS, LINEN EMBROIDERED PILLOW CASES, PYRENEES JACKET, FLANNELETTE NIGHTDRESSES and GOWNS, SHEETS, ROBES, &c., &c., &c.

AND A small quantity of FANCY TWEEDS, SERGES, &c., in Suit Lengths. (A few lots of Yamato (Japanese) CREPE SHIRTS will also be put up for sale).

The above Goods will be on View from MONDAY, the 29th instant, when catalogues may be had on application.

TERMS—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
AUCTIONEERS.

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Hongkong, 20th March, 1909.

## ICE

WE HAVE MET THE CUT and are now Selling ICE from our Depot, Nos. 55 & 57, Des Voeux Road Central, for HALF A CENT PER POUND.

We have the ONLY FACTORY IN HONGKONG Manufacturing Ice from DISTILLED WATER and therefore we GUARANTEE ITS PURITY.

ORIENTAL BREWERY LTD.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1909. [474]

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NOW IN GREAT DEMAND FOR BLOUSE LENGTHS.

4 yds. INDIAN GAUZE OPENWORK ... \$1.00  
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Ladies' and Children's Belts!

HOOSSAIN-ALI & Co.,  
No. 14, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 16th March, 1909. [475]

## COLD STORAGE.

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## CHINESE MINTS.

The following information relative to Chinese mints, collated from reports received during the past year (1908) from His Majesty's Consular officers in the districts concerned, is given in the *Trade Journal*.

Canton.—The Provincial Mint, which is situated just outside the East Gate of the City, is actively engaged (Aug. 4) in minting 1 dol. and 20-cent coins. Until recently the mint has been flooding the market with subsidiary coins, about 30,000 being turned out daily, and the discount on these coins now (Aug. 4) stands at over 8 per cent. Representations, however, from Hongkong and from His Majesty's Minister in Peking have resulted in a temporarily diminished output of 20-cent pieces, and an increased issue of 1 dol. pieces. No copper coins are at present (Aug. 4) being struck.

Chengtu.—The coins being issued (Aug. 21) by the Chengtu mint are dollars, half-dollars, 20-cent pieces, 10-cent pieces, rupees and half-rupees (all these silver), and 20 and 10-cent copper pieces. Copper pieces, unperfected, value 1 cash and 2 cash, were soon to be issued.

Chinkiang.—The only mint in this district is at present (July 13) at a standstill, and there is no indication when it is to be reopened.

Foochow.—The mint at Foochow is in operation (July 16) and turning out 2-cent pieces. The mint at Pagoda Anchorage is closed, and it is not likely that it will be put in operation again in the near future.

Hangchow.—For about two years no coinage of money, either copper or silver, has taken place at any of the Hangchow mints. Previous to that time there were two principal mints one known as the old mint in north-east of the city, at which both silver and copper coins were issued; the other, or new mint, in the northwest of Hangchow, issuing only copper. In addition there were, or had been, two other small mints, one of which was a branch or annex added to the old mint and the other was connected with the Provincial Treasurer's Office. On the closing of the Hangchow Mints there appears at first to have been an intention to remove the machinery to Foochow, but it was never put into execution. Subsequently it was suggested that one or more of these establishments might be converted into electric light stations, but this also fell through. It seems that there is no intention of resuming coinage in Hangchow.

Kiangnan (Nanking).—A few coins, a copper one-cash piece, was first minted on June 30, 1908, but did not attain a satisfactory circulation, some 20,000 pieces only being produced up to Sept. 3. The Vicerey at Nanking, the Governor of Hunan, and the Vicerey at Wu-chung have obtained permission to use up the stocks of copper already in hand at their respective mints in the coinage of copper 10-cent pieces. The production of these copper 10-cent pieces, recommended at the Kiangnan mint with a daily output of 2,000,000 pieces, after having been in abeyance since April 30, 1908, while a certain number of the copper one-cent pieces are still being coined, there being no fixed limit to the daily output. When the present stock of copper is used up the mint will cease work; at the date of the report (Sept. 3) the stock was understood to amount to about 20,000 piculs (340 lbs.), so that the closing of the mint was expected to occur towards the end of November or in December last. No silver dollars have been produced at the Kiangnan mint since October, 1895.

Mukden.—The Mukden mint was at a standstill from March to November, 1908, and only resumed working about the end of November. It coins small silver coins of the value of ten and twenty cents, and about 400 lbs. of silver are melted each day. The minting of copper coins has ceased. The mint at Kirin is also working at present (Dec. 14), turning out coins of the value of ten, twenty, and fifty cents.

Nan Chang.—The only mint in the province of Kiukiang, viz., that at Nan Chang, the provincial capital, has been closed for more than a year, and is not likely to be reopened, the machinery having been sold or become useless through neglect, and the premises having been converted into a yard for building steam-launches.

Tientsin.—There are two mints in Tientsin, the Central and the Tientsin, both of which are at present (Sept. 7) in operation. In accordance with an Imperial edict, both mints ceased from last May to coin ten-cent copper pieces. "In order to keep the workers employed, however, they have continued to coin one-cent pieces—some 30,000 to 40,000 a day—and also silver dollars; the later operation being carried on at a loss owing to a fall in exchange.

Recently, moreover, in order to clear off a stock in hand of over 100,000 worth of copper, the Branch mint has resumed the coinage of 10-cent pieces, and turns out some 300,000 pieces per day, but as there is no market for these they remain unsold. The question of minting one-cent pieces or 72 mace (equivalent to one dollar) was (Sept. 7) under discussion.

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Wuchang.—The copper mint at Wuchang was closed on April 23, 1908, except for the minting of one-cent pieces, of which 200,000 are coined daily. It was reported (July 20) that one-cent pieces would be coined as before from the middle of August. The silver mint at Wuchang is closed, and it is impossible to say when it will re-open.

LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS TOO HIGH.

Complaint is being made by American life-insurance policy holders that present premiums are too high, and are based on mortality tables prepared in 1861, since which time the average length of life has been increased 10 per cent. The insurance companies have taken no notice of the fact that within fifty years improved sanitary conditions, a higher standard of living, and development of medical science have given man a better grip on life than he ever had before.

In some cases companies have raised premiums within fifty years, instead of lowering them, as policy holders assert should be done if the actuarial departments of the companies were run on a scientific basis. The present mortality tables are said to allow companies to pay enormous bonuses to agents for obtaining new business. Instead of policy holders benefiting, the agents receive the reward of the increase in longevity.

SPoke WITH NAPOLEON.

Anne Josephine Babay, the only living woman, who could say that she had spoken to Napoleon at the battle of Cravent, died last month at Ligny at the age of hundred and four years. A week before her death she told the following story: "Before the battle of Ligny Napoleon established his headquarters at my mother's inn. Napoleon's staff camped in the garden, where my father had buried his money. One night I went into the garden and was arrested. They brought me before the Emperor. 'What are you doing here?' he asked, and I confessed my anxiety about my father's money. Napoleon said, 'Call your father.' My father came and the Emperor gave him some orders and asked him several questions about the surrounding country. He also congratulated him on his daughter; and then turning to me he said, 'Here is my portrait, and he gave me a gold piece.'

PETS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr. Justice Bigham, the successor to Sir Gorrell Barnes as President of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division, speaking at the dinner of the Liverpool Philanthropic Society, said that since he had been at the Bar prisoners had become the pet of the public.

He remembered the day when prisoners were not allowed to give evidence in the witness-box; some cussed spite gave them the privilege.

God help them, for a more dreadful pit

part of the Council retired annually, but the retiring men could be re-elected, and were put up again by the Council. To try and out any of them was an inviolable "taboo," so the Council got no new blood unless a death occurred. (See, however.) In other societies like the Royal Geographical and the Civil Engineers retiring members could not immediately be re-elected, and therefore a popular and democratic element came in. He moved an amendment providing that the adoption of the report should be deferred pending the calling of a special general meeting to consider the advisability of making certain changes in the constitution, and requesting the Council to call such a meeting within two months.

Mr. W. L. Grant seconded the motion, asserting that as things stood the Council was a self-perpetuating body, which never got new blood and ideas unless death made a vacancy.

The Chairman ruled the amendment out of order, although he said, he had much sympathy with the views of those supporting it. The rules provided a ready means of securing a meeting to deal with the whole question.

After some further discussion the report and accounts were agreed to, votes of thanks to the staff, to the Chairman and the Council were passed, and the proceedings terminated, it being understood that the necessary signatures were forthcoming to ensure a special general meeting to consider the points raised by Mr. Colquhoun.

ECHOES FROM EVERYWHERE.

BEQUEATHED TO POSTERITY.

Johann Bellens, who died last week at Sude, in Schleswig-Holstein, has left will whereby his entire fortune of £25 is to be invested until, with compound interest, it has reached the sum of £16,000. This will be about the year 917, when his relatives will divide the money.

THE COMING STORM.

SIR H. von Herkomer, who was the guest of the Authors' Club, related how he once saw the reproduction of a picture advertised for sale. The original was the work of a well-known sea painter, and was called "The Coming Storm." Under this title, in large type, the advertisement ran: "Suitable for a wedding present."

PASSING RICH ON £40 A YEAR.

A few days after Mr. Wilbur Wright had received a money prize of £40, offered by the Sarthe Aero Club for rising to a given height from the ground, M. Lazare Weiller, the financier, said, "Well! Mr. Wright, you have accomplished all you undertook to do, and I have brought you a cheque for £10,000 on account of the £20,000 agreed upon." But the *Mail* states Mr. Wilbur Wright shook his head, and, in his curious, abrupt manner, replied, "No! Keep it till my brother Orville comes over. Give it to him. I have just received £40 from the Sarthe Aero Club, and that will suffice me for

## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**

CATHAY, Danish str., 2649, M. Krusse, 23rd March—Shanghai 20th March, General Melchers & Co.

CEYLON MARU, Japanese str., 5,058, F. L. Pyne, 24th March—Moji 19th March, Coal and General—Nippon Yusen Kaihatsu.

CHINAN, British str., 1,350, J. H. Brown, 24th March—Shanghai 20th March, General Butterfield & Swire.

FOOKSANG, British str., 1,987, T. A. Mitchell, 24th March—Singapore 17th Mar., General—Jardine Matheson & Co.

HAIYANG, British str., 1,362, Hodges, 24th March—Swatow 23rd March, Teo and General—Douglas, Laprade & Co.

JOSHIN MARU, Jap. str., 702, H. Murayama, 24th March—Tamsui 21st March, General—Osaka Shosen Kaihatsu.

KUMING, British str., 4,006, J. Mathie, 24th March—Victoria B.C. via ports 21st Mar., General—Doddwell & Co.

KWANGHUA, Chinese str., 1,468, Froberg, 24th March—Shanghai 21st March, General—Chinachem.

PRINZ WALDEMAR, German str., 1,737, F. Beck, 24th March—Kobe 17th March, General—Melchers & Co.

TYDEUS, British str., 4,800, D. P. Campbell, 23rd March—Singapore 18th March, General—Butterfield & Swire.

VORWAERTS, Austrian str., 5,099, B. Bodwartz, 24th March—Shanghai 21st March, Sander, Wieder & Co.

YINGCHOW, British str., 1,216, W. Fraser 23rd March—Canton 15th March, Proctor & Gamble 13th March, Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE  
24th March.  
Cathay, Danish str., for Singapore.  
Hongkong, French str., for Haiphong.  
Hongmoh, British str., for Amoy.  
Phnompenh, British str., for Saigon.  
Tydeus, British str., for Shanghai.

## DEPARTURES.

24th March.  
BELLEROPHON, British str., for Kutching.  
CHILLI, British str., for Haiphong.  
HAILAN, French str., for Hainan.  
HAIFUN, British str., for Swatow.  
KLEINT, German str., for Europe.  
LIGHTNING, British str., for Singapore.  
MEIFOO, Chinese str., for Shanghai.  
PALAWAN, British str., for Singapore.  
RAJAH, German str., for Bangkok.  
TEMAH, Dutch str., for Amoy.  
WOSANG, British str., for Shanghai.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. Tydeus reports: Moderate monsoon hazy toward Hongkong.  
The British str. Haining reports: Light variable winds and fine clear weather.  
The British str. Fook sang reports: Moderate N.E. wind fine and clear weather to Paracels, thence similar wind and hazy weather to port.  
The British str. Kumeric reports: Bad weather from Victoria B.C. to Yokohama vessel covered with ice for 3 days and water washing all over ship continuously.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

MARCH 24TH.  
ABERDEEN DOCK—Gymnasium.  
KOWLOON DOCK—Tartar, Vespa, H.M.S. Sandpiper, Kiangtung, H.M.S. Flora, H.M.S. King Alfred, Dilly, Children.  
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Alesia, Tjibodas.

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## FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship  
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## "GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

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THE Steamship  
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Captain T. Durke, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 29th March, 1909.  
For Freight, apply to  
MCGREGOR BROS & GOW.  
Hongkong, 9th March, 1909. [444]

## FOR MANILA.

THE Steamship  
"RIGEL," Captain J. Sievert, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 30th inst., at 5 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage apply to  
ARKEATON V. APCAR & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 25th March, 1909. [515]

## FOR Marseilles, London and ANTWERP.

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Hongkong, 4th March, 1909. [418]

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## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commanding from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k." nearest Hongkong "h" midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

## SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & RIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, & ANTWERP	FLINTSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	T. Datch	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	About 28th inst.
LONDON & HULL	GLENROY	Brit. str.	—	J. D. Andrews, E.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 29th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	DELHI	Brit. str.	—	E. W. Bruce	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 3rd April.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, VIA STRAITS, &c.	SUMATEA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Müller	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	About 12th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG, VIA STRAITS, &c.	NOCOMEDIA	Ger. str.	—	Kottke	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 8th April.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	JILLYEA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Doinat	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 22nd April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG, VIA STRAITS, &c.	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	v. Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 19th May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG, VIA STRAITS, &c.	SILESIA	Fr. str.	k. w.	Martin	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 20th inst., at 1 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG, VIA STRAITS, &c.	INADA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Girtenbau	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 31st inst.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	GLAMORGANSHIRE	Brit. str.	k. w.	R. Takeda	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	ATSBUTA MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. E. Cops	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	About 10th April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	AMERICA MARU	Jap. str.	—	E. Schwinckhammer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	PRINZ LUDWIG	Ger. str.	—	W. Thompson	TOYOKISEN KAISHA	On 14th April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	VORWAERTS	Aust. str.	—	F. v. Blizzor	MELCHERS & CO.	On 7th April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	NORMAN PRINCE	Brit. str.	—	H. Bednarz	ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	EDRAMATO	Am. str.	—	—	SHEWWAN TOMES & CO.	On 7th April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	DAGGER CASTLE	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 26th April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	EMPEROR	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	About 20th April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	KUMERIC	Brit. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 11th April, at 6 A.M.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 11th April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Brit. str.	—	P. T. Helms	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 13th April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	PEKING	Brit. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th May.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	G. W. Elidy	NIPOPO YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Muri	NIPOPO YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	D. Lenz	NIPOPO YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	HAKATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Sekine	MELCHERS & CO.	On 28th inst.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	CEYLON MARU	Ger. str.	—	W. Mooney	NIPOPO YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	PEINZ SIGISMUND	Jap. str.	—	Y. Yamawaki	NIPOPO YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	YOKOHAMA MARU	Brit. str.	—	H. Wilhelmi	MELCHERS & CO.	On 2nd April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	CHIPISSHING	Jap. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th April, at D'light.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	WAKAMIYA MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. S. Cowley	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 27th inst., at Noon.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	SHINANO MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	S. Ishikawa	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 5th April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	SHIBURAGI	Brit. str.	—	Iseki	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	SHIBURAGI	Brit. str.	—	P. T. Helms	NIPOPO YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th April.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	SHIBURAGI	Brit. str.	—	—	NIPOPO YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th May.
MAESIELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	SHIBURAGI	Brit. str.	—	—	NIPOPO YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th April.
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NUBIA, YOKOHAMA	Capt. F. J. FOX	About 27th March	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	DEVANHA	About 1st April	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	DELHI	Noon, 3rd April	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON, and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO PORT, SAID AND MARSEILLES	SUMATRA	About 12th April	Freight and Passage.
London	Capt. E. W. Brice	April	Arabian and Persian Service.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1909.

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.  
SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 25th March, 4 P.M.
AMOY and SHANGHAI	"YINGCHOW"	On 26th March, D'light
PAKHOL and HAIPHONG	"KWANGSE"	On 26th March, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"SINGAN"	On 27th March, 10 A.M.
MANILA	"CHENAN"	On 28th March, D'light
CEBU and ILOILO	"TAMING"	On 30th March, 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"SUNGKUANG"	On 1st April, 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LINAN"	On 1st April, 4 P.M.
ZAMBANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK-TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, PREMANTLE and PERTH	"TEAN"	On 6th April, 3 P.M.

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TELEPHONE 36.

For Freight or Passage apply to BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, AGENTS Hongkong, 25th March, 1909.

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LTD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SH'NAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Saturday, 27th March, Noon
TIENSIN, VIA SWATOW, WEI-	"CHIPSHING"	Saturday, 27th March, Noon
HAIWEI & CHEFOO	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 27th March, 3 P.M.
MANILA	"SUISANG"	Saturday, 27th March, 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"CHOYSANG"	Tuesday, 30th March, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"MAUSANG"	Wednesday, 31st March, Noon
SANDAKAN	"LAISANG"	Thursday, 1st April, 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 2nd April, 4 P.M.

## RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.

OCCUPYING 24 DAYS.

The Steamers "KURSANG," "NAMSANG" and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay 5 days in Japan if passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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Steamers have superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chafoo, Tientsin &amp; Newchwang.

Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Kudat, Lubuk, Datu, Simporia, Tawo Usukan, Jesselton and Labuan.

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For Freight or Passage apply to JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; CO., LTD., GENERAL MANAGERS Hongkong, 24th March, 1909.

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STEAMERS	FOR	LEAVING
"HAIYANG"	SWATOW, AMOY &	FRIDAY, 25th March,
Capt. A. E. Hodges	FOOCHOW	at NOON.
"HAIMUN"	SWATOW	SUNDAY, 28th March,
Capt. Evans	at 10 A.M.	
"HAICHING"	SWATOW, AMOY &	TUESDAY, 30th March,
Capt. Pasquier	FOOCHOW	at NOON.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

For Freight and Passage apply to DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK &amp; CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1909.

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REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO.'S S.S.	LEAVING
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW	"JOSHIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 28th March,
& AMOY	Capt. H. MURAKAMI	at 9 A.M.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW,	"CHOSHUN MARU"	TUESDAY, 30th March,
AMOY & FOOCHOW	Capt. T. SUBUDA	at 8 A.M.
ANPING VIA SWATOW	"SHOSHU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 31st March,
& AMOY	Capt. ICHI	at 8 A.M.

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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1909.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO, to HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

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**NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:****HOMEWARD.**

OUTWARD.	FOR MARSEILLES & HAMBURG:	S.S. SPEZIA	31st March.
FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE:	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:	S.S. JILLYRIA	8th April.
S.S. BELGRAVIA	31st March	S.S. AMERIA	22nd April.
S.S. SILESIA	15th April	S.S. NICOMEDIA	28th April.
S.S. SCANDIA	27th April	S.S. BRISGAVIA	3rd May.
S.S. SENEGAMBIA	10th May	S.S. SILESIA	19th May.
S.S. SEGOVIA	17th May		
S.S. ISTRIA	29th May		

Further Particulars, apply to—

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1909.

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S.S. AMERICA MARU ... 6000 tons gross ... Sail April 14th, 1909.

S.S. HONGKONG MARU ... 6000 " June — 1909.

S.S. MANSHU MARU ... 5000 " August — 1909.

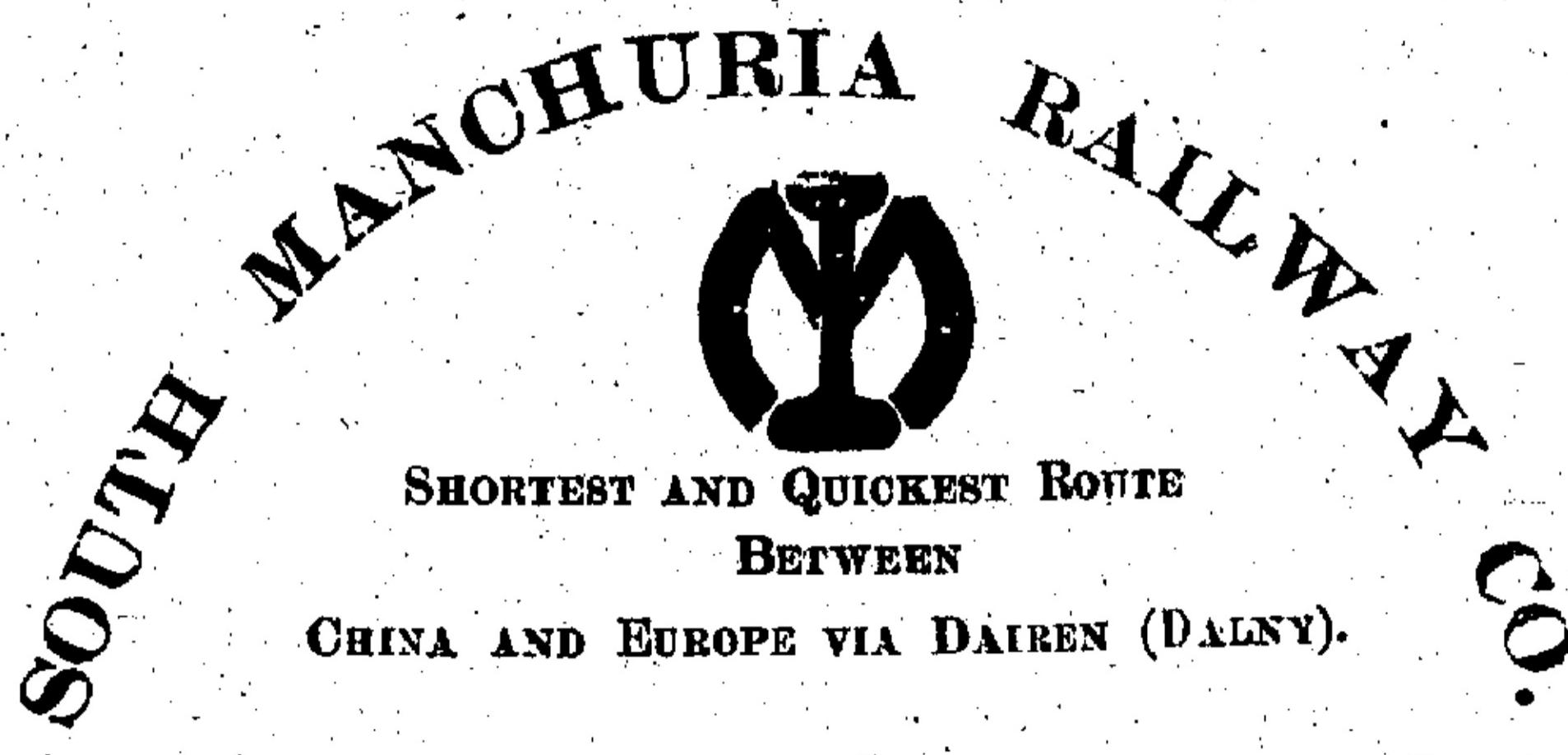
S.S. AMERICA MARU ... 6000 " October — 1909.

For particulars apply to

K. MATSDA, Manager.  
TOYO KISEN KAISHA, York Building.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1909.

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BETWEEN

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## POST OFFICE NOTICE

Correspondence for EUROPE, via SIBERIA, is forwarded from HONGKONG by all vessels sailing for SHANGHAI.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalmatia and Siberia.

1st April	... ...	... ...	at 11.5 p.m.
9th April	... ...	... ...	at 10.45 a.m.
15th April	... ...	... ...	at 8.15 p.m.
23rd April	... ...	... ...	at 9.45 a.m.
29th April	... ...	... ...	at 8.15 p.m.

The *Cobden*, with the German mail of the 24th February, left Singapore on Sunday, the 21st inst., at 7 a.m., and may be expected here to-day, at 10 a.m.

The *Ernest Simon*, with the French mail of the 26th February, left Singapore on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 8 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 26th inst.

This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 23rd January.

NOV	FEB	DATE
Chefoo and Newchwang	Taiwan	Thursday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore	Cathay	Thursday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan, Hollow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hanoi	Thursday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.
Huon	Sui Yee	Thursday, 25th, 1.15 P.M.
Kohchang, Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Voorwaerts	Thursday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai and Hongkong	Uchinhus	Thursday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow	Vingchow	Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Manila, President William McKinley, San Francisco, Hongkong, Mutupi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaid, Perth and Fremantle	Helene	Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Prins Waldemar	Friday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Bangkok	Friday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.
Macau	Sui Yee	Friday, 26th, 1.15 P.M.
Siaporn, Fuchang	Suisung	Friday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Weisaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin	Shipchung	Friday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Yuenzang	Friday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Amoy, Singapore and Rangoon	Utaru Jibson	Friday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.

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## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MARCH 24TH, 1909.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
Allamira, Limited	300	\$500	\$50	Nominal
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$935, sellers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	\$7	\$6	\$51, buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	3,604	\$126	12/6	\$10, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	sellers
China Light and Power Company	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$5.
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.30, sellers
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewe Cotton Spinn'g & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 120, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	59, sellers
International Cotton Manuf'g Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 92	
Lao-Kung-Mow C. Spin & Weav. Co., Ltd	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 102	
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 550	
Dairy Farm Company	25,000	\$72	\$6	\$14, buyers
DOCKS AND WHARVES.—				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co.	60,000	\$50	all	\$50, sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$50, sellers
New Asia Dock Co., Limited	16,000	\$68	\$62	\$94, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 68.
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 175.
Fenwick & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$12, sellers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	10	\$93, sellers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$210, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$182, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$84, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$190, sellers
Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd. (in Liquidation)	10,000	\$100	\$100	Nominal
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	40,000	\$10	all	\$24.
INSURANCES.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$260	\$50	\$1872.
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	20	\$105, sellers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$33.33	\$25	\$372, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1515, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 100, sellers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$445, sales
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$195, buyers
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	100	\$100, sales
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co.,	150,000	\$10	all	\$870, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	\$30	\$30	Tls. 115.
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	\$44, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	
MINING.—				
Société Française des Charb'ges du Tonkin	18,000	Frs. 250	all	\$600.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	Frs. 250	21	16/10, sellers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$14.
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$1	\$12.
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	67,500	\$10	\$10	\$8, sellers
REFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$373, sellers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$17, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$59, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$10, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$55, buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S. S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$244, sal. & buy.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$25	all	\$20, buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	£1	£1	\$44, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$23.
South China Morning Post	6,000	\$25	\$15	\$15, sellers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$24.
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$9, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	12,000	\$7	\$7	\$22, buyers
Watkins, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$24.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$9, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	175	\$100	\$100	\$140.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,000	ordy.	\$10	\$4.
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 fders	\$10	\$10	\$230.
	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, buyers
LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum.	Par.
VERNON & SMYTH, Share-Brokers.				
OPIUM.				
		March 23rd.		
Quotations are—				
Malwa New	... \$1,070/1,020 per picoul.			
Malwa Old	... \$1,090/1,100 "			
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Persian fine quality	... \$1,020/1,050 "			
Persian extra fine	... \$850/900 per chest.			
Patna New	... \$965 per chest.			
Patna Old	... \$995 "			
Banaras New	... \$970 "			
Banaras Old	... — "			
STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.				
March 3rd—Indrani, Peking. 6th—Goeben, Mackau. 10th—Aragouita, Bensonwick, China (Aus.), Bombay Maru, Ernest Simon, Nyassa, Tener. 13th—Dencollon, Peru, Persia, Yang Tsze. 17th—Beuvron, Glenavon, Gleibach, Keunebeck, Silesta (Ger.). 20th—Bendalig, Bulow, Glauca, Idomenus, Tonku, Myrmidon, Prinz Regent Luitpold, Sunwuk Maru, Wakasa Maru. 24th—Carnarvonshire.				
ARRIVALS AT HOME.				
March 19th—Polynesia.				
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